

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Child and Family Services Agency



CONTRACTS & PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATION

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR
A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT**

CONTRACT NO.: DCRL-2018-R-0081

CAPTION: Shared Parenting Foundation Training Services

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Be Strong Families

PROGRAM AGENCY: Child and Family Services Agency

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04 and 27 DCMR §§ 1304 and 1702.

2. MINIMUM NEED:

- a) The District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA or the Agency) has a minimum need to provide training by partnering with Washington DC's CFSA Child Welfare Training Academy (CWTA) to build the capacity of and provide support to their child welfare teams in implementing a shared parenting approach anchored around the accepted definitions and concept of Shared Parenting.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE: \$24,000.

4. FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency is procuring training to promote a Shared Parenting approach among birth parents and foster parents that rely on a parallel process of workers creating the relationships of equality and respect between themselves and with those that they serve. Also to work with CWTA to reinforce their definition of Shared Parenting in a two-phased approach that will begin by building the capacity of their team of workers and resource parents in relationship-based practice and parent engagement skills. The second phase will train and certify members of the team as trainers.

- a) The District has a continuing need for these services covered under this proposed contract.
- b) The District has a continuing need for the contractual capacity offered under this proposed contract.
- c) Be Strong Families offers services under the proposed contract that are difficult to procure in the District of Columbia.
- d) Be Strong Families is a national organization that partners to develop transformative conversations that nurture the spirit of family, promote well-being and prevent violence. Be Strong Families do this through the empowered engagement of vulnerable parents, youth, children, and extended family members and the organization is comprised of a passionate, dedicated, diverse team that works in partnership with systems, service providers, and parents.
- e) Be Strong Families has offered these services for a number of years and accordingly, has developed a level of expertise.
- f) Be Strong Families has met all Federal and District requirements in providing these services.
- g) Be Strong Families has the availability to offer these services immediately.
- h) Be Strong Families is the only source that can meet the minimum need of the District by providing continuing training services to provide primary expertise is developing, implementing, and training others to implement tools and experiential training workshops as levers to shift child welfare mindsets.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Brenda Donald
Director
Child and Family Services Agency

CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER

6. I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer